

AMERICAN FREEDOM TRAIN 25TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. GOODLATTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, the American Freedom Train departed Cameron Depot, Virginia, on its inaugural run 25 years ago today. The American Freedom Train headed for Wilmington, Delaware, to make its premier to the American public and help mark our country's bicentennial.

During 21 months of travel across our great land, the American Freedom Train traveled more than 24,000 miles and visited 138 cities where it became the focal point of local 200th birthday festivities. Nearly 700 million people toured the train's 10 exhibit cars and saw 510 historical documents, works of art, and items of memorabilia that portrayed our country's heritage.

The American Freedom Train, the idea of Mr. Ross Rowland, became one of the greatest events of America's bicentennial. My deepest thanks to my constituents, John and Mary Jayne Rowe, of Covington, Virginia, for the work they have done to preserve the memories of the American Freedom Train.

The sign at the train's exit is as appropriate today as it was 25 years ago: "And now let us celebrate America, its heritage and strength, and together let us build a meaningful tomorrow."

SUPPLEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE FUNDS FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING AND DRUG TREATMENT

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today the House will take up the first supplemental of the 21st century.

There are two problems with this supplemental. There is \$1.6 billion for Colombia, who is the biggest trafficker of heroin and cocaine to our country, and no dollars for treatment for those in our country who need it.

Also, there is nothing in the bill for Mozambique. We have a commitment from the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CALLAHAN) that the money will be forthcoming, and I believe them. We need the President to ask for the money.

Mr. Speaker, there is \$135 million in the International Disaster account. Spend the money. Send it to Mozambique. Do the assessment and replenish the International Disaster account.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote against the rule. We need money for drug treatment. We must have it now.

EDUCATION SAVINGS AND SCHOOL EXCELLENCE ACT

(Ms. DUNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, the most important gift parents can give their children is a quality education. This precious gift will open doors of opportunity, and it will ensure that a parent's wish is fulfilled: that the next generation will enjoy a better quality of life than the last.

Educating a child is not easy. It is expensive, too often bureaucratic and much too often out of a parent's control.

For the moms and dads who are struggling to give the gift of education to their children, help is on the way.

The Education Savings and School Excellence Act will help families save for their children's educations and give parents control over where their children are educated.

On behalf of the 90,000-plus children in the district I represent in Washington State, those children heading to college, I urge the United States House to pass this important legislation. We must do all we can to assure that no child is left behind.

PRAYER IN OUR SCHOOLS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, once again, the Supreme Court is considering a school prayer issue.

Beam me up. The founders are rolling over in their graves. The founders never intended to separate God from our schools; the founders simply intended to ensure that there would not be one, one State-sponsored religion, period. My colleagues know it, I know it, and the American people know it. The truth is, an America without prayer is an America without God, and a school without prayer is a school without God.

I yield back the utter stupidity of the American political system that continues to rationalize, debate, and deny the importance of God and why our founders placed it in our Constitution.

AMENDMENT TO SUPPLEMENTAL REGARDING EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR METHAMPHETAMINE LABS

(Mr. HUTCHINSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, this House will vote today on a supplemental spending bill. It will help maintain peace in Kosovo and fight narcoterrorists in Colombia. However, there is one emergency that is not addressed.

For that reason, I will be offering an amendment to help our States and communities pay for the cleanup of

methamphetamine labs, those dangerous and deadly meth labs. It is truly an emergency.

The Drug Enforcement Administration is currently out of money to help our States on meth lab cleanups. My colleagues hear it in their States; I hear it in my State.

My amendment will give the DEA \$15 million to get through this year in helping our States and our local police. It is not new money, but it is a reallocation of the COPS program. It will make a difference to our communities; but more importantly, it will keep our police moving forward on reducing the production of meth that is tearing apart our families, our communities, and destroying lives.

Mr. Speaker, for that reason, I would ask my colleagues to support that amendment when it is offered.

CENSUS 2000

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, census day is 3 days away, and so far, the census is going very well. The Federal response rate is at 44 percent. Everyone can go to the census Web site at census.gov and get a daily update on how their localities and States are responding.

I know that some Members on the other side of the aisle have urged their constituents not to fill out the long form. This will only hurt people and localities and their districts. The information we gather on the census enables us to understand who we are as a Nation and serves as a guide on where to spend our resources from the Government. The Speaker and the minority leader should be urging all Members to work with and encourage their constituents to participate in this important civic ceremony.

SMITH AND WESSON LATEST VICTIM OF WHITE HOUSE ASSAULT ON DEMOCRACY

(Mr. LARGENT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LARGENT. Mr. Speaker, Smith and Wesson is but the latest victim of the administration's assault on democracy. The recent so-called voluntary agreement by the gun manufacturer follows a familiar script. First, the administration proposed mandatory trigger locks. Then, finding insufficient support among Congress, the people's representatives, the administration turned to ulterior, undemocratic means, to achieve its purpose. They threatened to unleash the full weight of the Federal Government upon the maker of a legal product by suing them into oblivion.